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<b>In re</b>	Joshi, et al.		
<b>Application of:</b>			
<b>For:</b>	SOFT METAL CONDUCTOR AND METHOD OF MAKING		
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<b>Art Unit:</b>	2822	<b>Examiner:</b>	K. M. PICARDAT

**STATUS INQUIRY**

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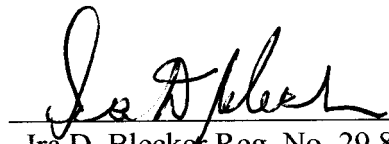
Dear Sir:

The above- identified patent application was filed on December 31, 2003.

Applicants' respectfully request information as to the status of the above-reference application, and when an office action is to be expected. Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone at (845) 894-2580. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address listed below.

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